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H. R. 2362

[Report No. 109–113]

To reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2005

Mr. GIBBONS (for himself and Mrs. CUBIN) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Resources

JUNE 8, 2005

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping
Act of 1992.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Geologic
5 Mapping Reauthorization Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT REFERENCES.**

2 Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in
3 this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms
4 of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-
5 sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to such
6 section or other provision of the National Geologic Map-
7 ping Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 31a et seq.).

8 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

9 Section 2(a) (43 U.S.C. 31a(a)) is amended as fol-
10 lows:

11 (1) By striking paragraph (1) and inserting the
12 following:

13 “(1) although significant progress has been
14 made in the production of geologic maps since the
15 establishment of the National Cooperative Geologic
16 Mapping Program in 1992, no modern, digital, geo-
17 logic map exists for approximately 75 percent of the
18 Nation;”.

19 (2) Paragraph (2) is amended—

20 (A) in subparagraph (C) by inserting
21 “homeland and” after “planning for”;

22 (B) in subparagraph (E) by striking “pre-
23 dicting” and inserting “identifying”;

24 (C) by striking “and” after the semicolon
25 at the end of subparagraph (I);

1 (D) by redesignating subparagraph (J) as
2 subparagraph (K); and

3 (E) by inserting after subparagraph (I) the
4 following:

5 “(J) recreation and public awareness;
6 and”.

7 (3) Paragraph (9) is amended by striking “im-
8 portant” and inserting “available”.

9 **SEC. 4. PURPOSE.**

10 Section 2(b) (43 U.S.C. 31a(b)) is amended by strik-
11 ing “protection” and inserting “management”.

12 **SEC. 5. DEADLINES FOR ACTIONS BY THE UNITED STATES**
13 **GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.**

14 Section 4(b)(1) (43 U.S.C. 31c(b)(1)) is amended—

15 (1) in subparagraph (A) by striking “not later
16 than” and all that follows through the semicolon and
17 inserting “not later than one year after the date of
18 the enactment of the National Geologic Mapping Re-
19 authorization Act of 2005;”;

20 (2) in subparagraph (B) by striking “not later
21 than” and all that follows through “in accordance”
22 and inserting “not later than one year after the date
23 of the enactment of the National Geologic Mapping
24 Reauthorization Act of 2005 in accordance”; and

1 (3) in subparagraph (C) in the matter pre-
 2 ceding clause (i) by striking “not later than” and all
 3 that follows through “submit” and inserting “submit
 4 biennially”.

5 **SEC. 6. GEOLOGIC MAPPING PROGRAM OBJECTIVES.**

6 Section 4(c)(2) (43 U.S.C. 31c(c)(2)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “geophysical-map data base,
 8 geochemical-map data base, and a”; and

9 (2) by striking “provide” and inserting “pro-
 10 vides”.

11 **SEC. 7. GEOLOGIC MAPPING PROGRAM COMPONENTS.**

12 Section 4(d)(1)(B)(ii) (43 U.S.C. 31c(d)(1)(B)(ii)) is
 13 amended—

14 (1) by striking “and” after the semicolon at the
 15 end of subclause (I);

16 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-
 17 clause (II) and inserting “; and”; and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(III) the needs of Department
 20 of the Interior land management
 21 agencies.”.

22 **SEC. 8. GEOLOGIC MAPPING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

23 Section 5(a) (43 U.S.C. 31d(a)) is amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (2)—

1 (A) by striking “Administrator of the En-
2 vironmental Protection Agency or a designee”
3 and inserting “Secretary of the Interior or a
4 designee from a land management agency of the
5 Department of the Interior”;

6 (B) by inserting “and” after “Energy or a
7 designee,”; and

8 (C) by striking “, and the Assistant to the
9 President for Science and Technology or a des-
10 ignee”; and

11 (2) in paragraph (3)—

12 (A) by striking “Not later than” and all
13 that follows through “consultation” and insert-
14 ing “In consultation”;

15 (B) by striking “Chief Geologist, as Chair-
16 man” and inserting “Associate Director for Ge-
17 ology, as Chair”; and

18 (C) by striking “one representative from
19 the private sector” and inserting “two rep-
20 resentatives from the private sector”.

21 **SEC. 9. FUNCTIONS OF NATIONAL GEOLOGIC MAP DATA-**
22 **BASE.**

23 Section 7(a) (43 U.S.C. 31f(a)) is amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (1) by striking “geologic map”
25 and inserting “geologic-map”; and

1 (2) in paragraph (2)—

2 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

3 (A) by inserting “information on how to ob-
4 tain” after “that includes”; and

5 (B) in subparagraph (A) by striking
6 “under the Federal component and the edu-
7 cation component” and inserting “with funding
8 provided under the national cooperative geologic
9 mapping program authorized by section 4(a)”.

10 **SEC. 10. BIENNIAL REPORT.**

11 Section 8 (43 U.S.C. 31g) is amended by striking
12 “Not later” and all that follows through “biennially” and
13 inserting “Not later than 3 years after the date of the
14 enactment of the National Geologic Mapping Reauthoriza-
15 tion Act of 2005 and biennially”.

16 **SEC. 11. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS; ALLOCA-**
17 **TION.**

18 Section 9 (43 U.S.C. 31h) is amended—

19 (1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the
20 following:

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
22 priated to carry out this Act \$64,000,000 for each of fiscal
23 years 2006 through 2010.”; and

24 (2) in subsection (b)—

- 1 (A) by striking “2000” and inserting
- 2 “2005”;
- 3 (B) by striking “48” and inserting “50”;
- 4 and
- 5 (C) by striking 2 and inserting “4”.

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